

### A new Race of Glass-eye from Eastern Africa.

Mr. R. E. MOREAU sent the following description :—

***Camaroptera brachyura fuggles-couchmani***, subsp. nov.

*Description*.—Generally darker and richer in colour than *C. b. pileata* or *C. b. bororensis*. The most notable difference is in the underside : this new form has the throat dull grey, not whitish, and the flanks and sides of the breast olive, contrasting sharply with the pure white centre of the abdomen.

*Distribution*.—Uluguru and Nguru Mountains in evergreen forest, probably up to about 4000 feet. (Mr. N. R. Fuggles-Couchman has obtained a specimen in the Nguru Forest that agrees with the type, and it appears from other specimens collected by him that there may be a rapid transition between the new subspecies and *C. b. pileata* about 100 miles east of Morogoro.)

*Type*.—Male completing moult, no. 4121 in Brit. Mus. collection, from Kibungo Forest, 900 feet, at eastern foot of Uluguru Mountains, 16. vi. 37 (R. E. Moreau).

*Measurements*.—Wing 53, tail 41, culmen 13 mm.

*Remarks*.—I am indebted to Mr. R. H. W. Pakenham for comparing the type with Zanzibar material, and to Herr Grote for comparing it with the specimens of *C. brachyura* in the Berlin Museum, where there is nothing like it.

### New Races of a Tailor-bird and Rose-Finch from Ceylon and the Himalayas.

Mr. HUGH WHISTLER sent the following descriptions :—

***Orthotomus sutorius fernandonis***, subsp. nov.

*Description*.—Resembles the typical race, but the upper parts are more “saturated” in tone. On the lower parts there is much more dark marking on the throat ; the grey feather-bases, which emphasize the concealed pigmented spot on the skin on each side of the throat in the typical race, are more extensive and general ; the flanks are dark slaty-grey.

*Distribution*.—Central Hill Zone, Ceylon.

*Type*.—Male adult, Ohiya, 5820 feet, Ceylon ; collected by Mr. E. C. Fernando on November 27, 1936. No. 246 in the Ceylon Survey collection,

*Measurements of Type*.—Culmen 15·5, wing 49·5, tail 63·5, tarsus 19 mm.

*Remarks*.—*Motacilla sutoria* Pennant, 'Indian Zoology,' 1769, pl. 7, was based on Governor Loten's material from Ceylon, and has always been considered, with justice, to refer to the Tailor-bird, which is general and widely spread throughout the plains of Ceylon, both in the wet and dry zones. The new form is based on a series of four adults collected in the Central Hill Zone of Ceylon, the particular home of the distinctive endemic Ceylon species.

It is named after Mr. E. .C Fernando of the Colombo Museum in acknowledgment of his excellent work in carrying out the field collecting of the Ceylon Survey on behalf of the British Museum and the Colombo Museum.

***Procarduelis nipalensis kangraë*, subsp. nov.**

*Description*.—Resembles the typical form, but the colour of the upper parts and of the breast is browner, less rich in tint.

*Distribution*.—The western Himalayas as far west as Kishtwar.

*Type*.—Adult male, Dharmsala, Kangra District, N.W. Himalayas. Collected in April 1870, by E. W. Brooks. Brit. Mus. Reg. no. 1887.6.1.141.

*Remarks*.—Based on six males from the Duala Dhar range in the Kangra District, two in the Hume collection, and four in my own collection.

**Notes on Eastern African Birds.**

Capt. C. H. B. GRANT and Mr. C. W. MACKWORTH-PRAED sent the following three notes :—

- (1) On the Status of *Sula nicolli* Grant & Praed, Bull. B. O. C. liii. 1933, p. 118 : Glorioso Island.

Recently we have come across the description and plate of a new Booby by Ribeiro in Arch. Mus. Nac. R. de Janeiro, xxii. p. 186, pl. xxii. 1919, which he has named *Sula autumnalis*, from Trinidad. This description and plate represents the bird we described, and therefore *Sula nicolli* Grant & Praed becomes a synonym of *Sula autumnalis* Ribeiro.